

SATOH et al  
Serial No. 10/781,802

Atty Dkt: 4059-18  
Art Unit: 3617

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

#### **A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT**

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Amend claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.
2. Add new claims 7 and 8.
3. Thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 3, 4, and 6.
4. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections.

#### **B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS**

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 2. Allowable claims 3 and 6 have been rewritten as independent claims by including the subject matter of original independent claim 1. Claim 2 has been amended to depend from independent claim 3. New dependent claims 7 and 8, corresponding to the subject matter of original dependent claim 5, have been added to depend from amended independent claims 6 and 3, respectively.

#### **C. MISCELLANEOUS**

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

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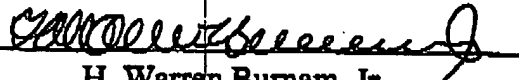
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Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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